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**EXCISE**

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FM AMEMBASSY BEIJING  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9166  
INFO AMCONSUL SHANGHAI  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
AMCONSUL GUANGZHOU  
AMCONSUL SHENYANG  
AMCONSUL CHENGDU

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PHUM, PREL, CH  
SUBJECT: OUR BEST SENSE OF STATUS OF DISSIDENT RELEASES

REF: (A) BEIJING 7248, (B) FBIS HK2903044494

1. ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. MANY OF THE DISSIDENTS DETAINED AROUND THE  
TIME OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN

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RELEASED. SEVERAL OF THOSE STILL IN DETENTION MAY FACE  
CRIMINAL CHARGES OR ADMINISTRATIVE PUNISHMENT FOR  
SPEARHEADING PETITION DRIVES CALLING FOR RADICAL POLITICAL  
CHANGE. WE CONTINUE TO PRESS THE CHINESE FOR ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

3. DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, TO DATE WE  
HAVE RECEIVED NO REPLY FROM THE CHINESE ON THE CURRENT  
STATUS OF THOSE DETAINED AT THE TIME OF OR IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. WE CONTINUE TO REQUEST  
CONFIRMATION OF THE STATUS OF THOSE CASES. THE FOLLOWING  
IS AN UPDATE ON THE CURRENT SITUATION, TO THE BEST OF OUR  
KNOWLEDGE.

REPORTEDLY RELEASED

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4. THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN RELEASED (NAMES ARE FOLLOWED BY THE DATE OF RELEASE): BAO GE (MARCH 4), DAI XUEZHONG (MARCH 4), GAO HONGMIN (MARCH 3), GONG XINGNAN (MARCH 4), HAN LIFA (MARCH 4), MA WEI (MARCH 4), MA WENDU (MARCH 7 OR 8), SHAO JIANG (MARCH 3), WANG FUCHENG (MARCH 14), XU WENLI (FEBRUARY 26), YANG JINHENG (DATE UNKNOWN), YANG ZHOU (DETAINED AND RELEASED SEVERAL TIMES, MOST RECENTLY ON MARCH 14), WANG DAN (MARCH 8).

MAY STILL BE DETAINED OR STATUS UNCLEAR  
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5. MA SHAOFANG--REPORTEDLY DETAINED ON THE WAY FROM JIANGSU PROVINCE TO BEIJING: ON MARCH 3. ACCORDING TO

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UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS, THE POLICE HAVE TAKEN HIM BACK TO NANJING. HE IS AN ASSOCIATE OF WANG DAN.

ZHOU GUOQIANG--DETAINED MARCH 3 FOR "VIOLATION OF THE CRIMINAL LAW," ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ZHOU WILL BE CHARGED WITH "COLLUDING WITH OVERSEAS HOSTILE FORCES," AND "DISTURBING SOCIAL ORDER." B6

WANG JIAQI--DETAINED MARCH 2 FOR "VIOLATION OF THE CRIMINAL LAW," ACCORDING TO THE MFA. B6  
ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS, HE MAY HAVE ESCAPED FROM DETENTION.

YUAN HONGBING--DETAINED MARCH 2 IN GUIZHOU FOR "INVOLVEMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE" ACCORDING TO THE MFA. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT YUAN IS CHARGED WITH.

WANG ZHONGQIU--A POSTGRADUATE STUDENT AND ASSOCIATE OF YUAN HONGBING FROM GUIZHOU WHO HAS ALSO REPORTEDLY BEEN DETAINED, DATE OF DETENTION UNKNOWN.

ZHAI WEIMIN--DETAINED ON MARCH 6. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY HE WAS DETAINED. ZHAI WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON LAST SEPTEMBER, AND WAS NUMBER 6 ON THE LIST OF "21 MOST WANTED" AFTER TIANANMEN. HE IS REPORTEDLY BEING HELD IN HENAN PROVINCE; ACCORDING TO HONG KONG'S EASTERN EXPRESS,

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ZHAI SMUGGLED OUT A NOTE SAYING HE MIGHT BE HELD UNTIL  
AFTER JUNE 4 (REF B).

6. COMMENT: THE MAJORITY OF THOSE DETAINED [

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*HAVE BEEN RELEASED.*

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ALL OF THE ABOVE  
CASES HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS; THEY CLAIM TO BE LOOKING IN TO THEM BUT WE HAVE  
YET TO RECEIVE A REPLY. ROY

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\*\*\*Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a  
\*\*\* Current Classification \*\*\*